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Members of the Advisory group included mid-level staff of the agencies, communities, and Native corporations represented on the Steering Committee; other appropriate state agencies as well as other major land owners, and interest groups. The primary function of the Advisory Group was to review all products prepared by the Planning Team prior to submission to the Steering Committee. The Advisory Group was invited to all Planning Team meetings and participated in the meetings as they deemed appropriate. The Planning Team consulted with Advisory Group members in their area of interest and expertise.

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Where to find it - How to use this Plan

Some of the commonly asked questions about how to use the plan are listed and answered below. For more detailed information, see the table of contents.

How does the plan affect a particular land use or resource? For example, Settlement?

Chapter 1 - Resource Summaries, explains how the plan affects each of the land uses or resources - aquatic farming, forestry, settlement, recreation.

Chapter 2 lists management policies that apply throughout the planning area. It is organized by land uses or resources. For example, the Chapter 2 - Settlement section describes the DNR policies that apply to settlement throughout the planning area.

How does the plan affect a particular location? For example, Hetta Inlet?

In Chapter 3, the planning area is divided into 31 management units. Each unit includes a statement of management intent, resource information, and guidelines specific to the individual management unit. To find the unit you are interested in, check the location map at the beginning of Chapter 3. For example, Hetta Inlet is Unit 18 and the page number for the discussion of Unit 18 can be found in the Table of Contents and on the divider for Chapter 3.

How can I tell whether a particular use will be allowed in a particular location?

If a proposed use is designated as primary or secondary use in a management unit of Chapter 3, the use can be permitted. However, the use must meet the guidelines of the unit, as well as the areawide Chapter 2 guidelines. Exactly where and how a designated use will occur within a specific area will be resolved through existing agency review procedures.

Uses that are neither designated nor specifically prohibited may be allowed if they are consistent with the management intent statement, the management guidelines of the unit, and those of Chapter 2.

Where to find it - How to use this Plan

Does the plan direct the use of private, federal, or municipal land?

No, the plan only directs the Department of Natural Resources' management of state lands.

Where are definitions given?

Appendix A provides a glossary.

Where are state land selections presented?

A summary of land selections and relinquishments is in Chapter 4. The management intent for individual selections and the rationale for individual relinquishments is given in the appropriate management unit of Chapter 3.

Can the plan be changed?

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